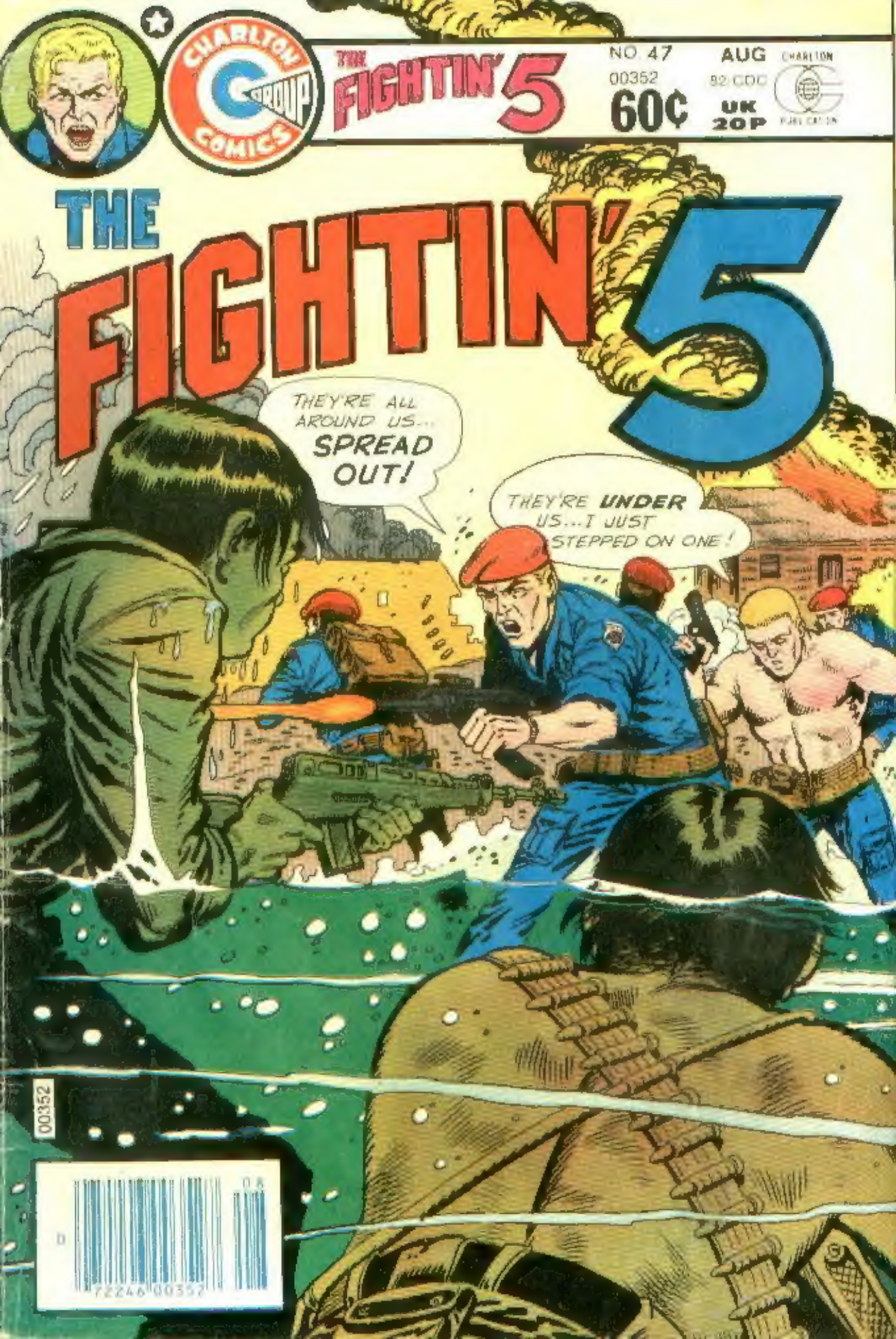
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GREEN DEATH IN VIET NAM

ANOTHER VIET-NAMESE VILLAGE JUST NORTH OF SAIGON HAD BEEN HIT BY THE VIET CONG GUERILLAS...USING GRENADES, FIRE, AND A RAKING MACHINE GUN FIRE FROM THE NEARBY JUNGLE. THE V.C. KILLERS HAVE ONE AIM...TO WIPE OUT EVERYONE IN THE VILLAGES WHICH REFUSE TO BOW TO THEIR DEMANDS/ BUT THIS WAS ONE TIME THE VIET CONG'S TERRORIST TACTICS WERE DESTINED TO FAIL...BECAUSE AMERICA'S SUPER SQUAD WAS ON HAND TO DRIVE THEM BACK!

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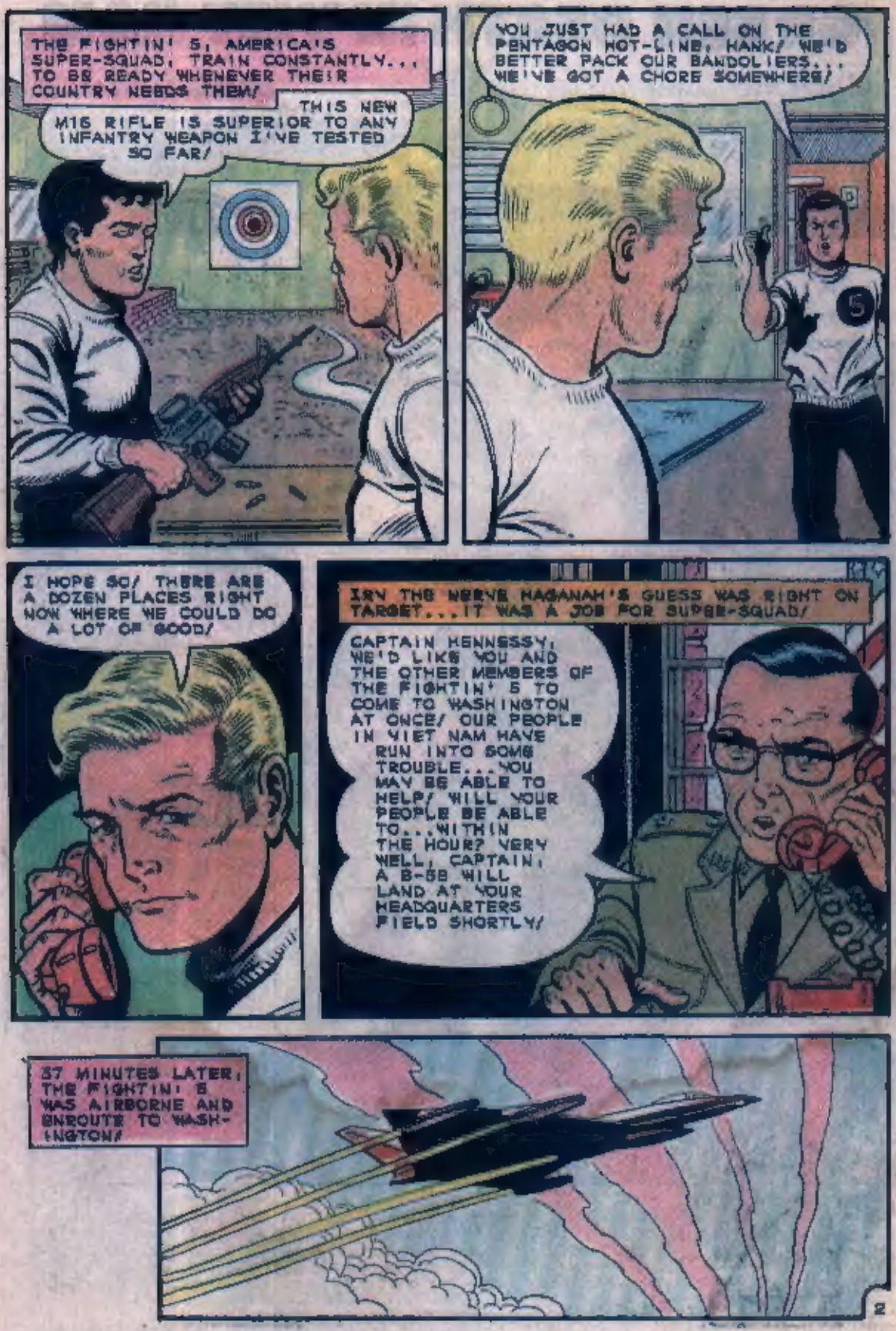

THE FIGHTIN' 5, AMERICA'S SUPER-SQUAD, TRAIN CONSTANTLY... TO BE READY WHENEVER THEIR COUNTRY NEEDS THEM!
THIS NEW M16 RIFLE IS SUPERIOR TO ANY INFANTRY WEAPON I'VE TESTED SO FAR!
YOU JUST HAD A CALL ON THE PENTAGON HOT-LINE, HANK! WE'D BETTER PACK OUR BANDOLIERS... WE'VE GOT A CHORE SOMEWHERE!
I HOPE SO! THERE ARE A DOZEN PLACES RIGHT NOW WHERE WE COULD DO A LOT OF GOOD!
IRV THE NERVE NAGANAH'S GUESS WAS RIGHT ON TARGET...IT WAS A JOB FOR SUPER-SQUAD!
CAPTAIN HENNESSY, WE'D LIKE YOU AND THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE FIGHTIN' 5 TO COME TO WASHINGTON AT ONCE! OUR PEOPLE IN VIET NAM HAVE RUN INTO SOME TROUBLE...YOU MAY BE ABLE TO HELP! WILL YOUR PEOPLE BE ABLE TO...WITHIN THE HOUR? VERY WELL, CAPTAIN; A B-58 WILL LAND AT YOUR HEADQUARTERS FIELD SHORTLY!
37 MINUTES LATER, THE FIGHTIN' 5 WAS AIRBORNE AND ENROUTE TO WASHINGTON!

IN A TOP-SECRET BRIEFING ROOM, THE FIGHTIN' 5 IS BROUGHT UP TO DATE ON THE VIET NAMESE CRISIS/

CAPTAIN HENNESSY, YOU WERE TRAINED WITH SPECIAL FORCES AND YOU SERVED IN VIET NAM/ BUT WHEN YOU WERE THERE, THE MAN NAMED CHU WAS NOT OPERATING/ HAVE ANY OF YOU HEARD OF THIS MAN?

WE ALL HAVE, GENERAL/ CHU IS A CHINESE RED FROM PEKING... A SPECIALIST IN TERRORIST TACTICS/ HE IS THE HERO OF THE VIET CONG FORCES...AND HE'S REPUTEDLY THE MOST DEADLY FIGHTER IN THE WORLD WITH ANY WEAPON/

WE'RE NOT IMPRESSED, GENERAL/ THIS CHARACTER, CHU, HAS A GOOD PRESS AGENT/ WE DON'T THINK HE'S SUPERHUMAN AT ALL/

WELL, THE VIET CONG DO ...AND THE VIET NAMESE VILLAGERS SHIVER ANY TIME THEY HEAR HIS NAME/

THE LEGEND OF CHU MUST BE DESTROYED/ THE REIGN OF TERROR HE HAS IMPOSED ON THE NATIVES IN THE INTERIOR OF VIET NAM MUST BE ENDED/

CHU HAS A BATTALION OF CHINESE TROOPS IN THE SOUTHERN INTERIOR/ HE HAS WITHDRAWN THOUSANDS OF VIET CONG FOR RETRAINING AND HE'S EQUIPPING THEM WITH MODERN ASSAULT RIFLES/

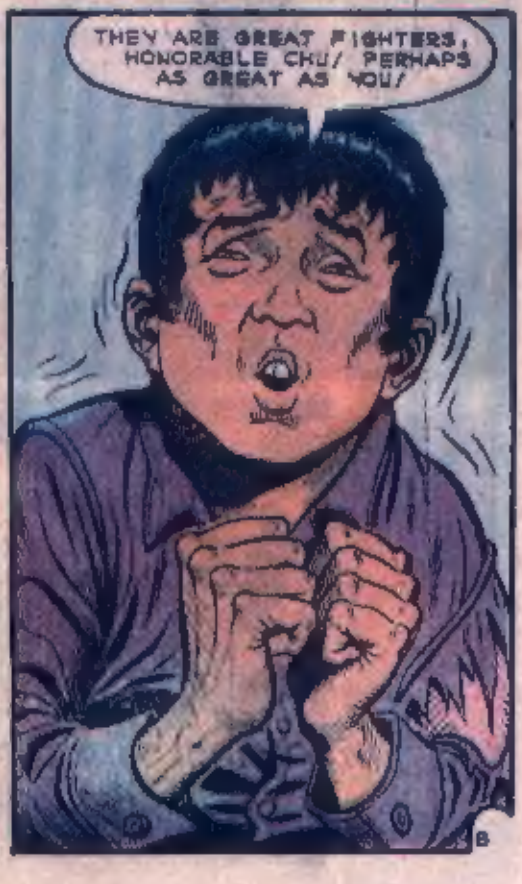
THE GENERAL DOESN'T EXPECT MUCH/ ALL WE'VE GOT TO DO IS LOCATE CHU'S SECRET TRAINING SITE AND ARSENAL, DEFEAT CHU BADLY ENOUGH FOR HIM TO LOSE FACE, AND DESTROY THE WEAPONS THE CHINESE SENT IN TO THE V.C./

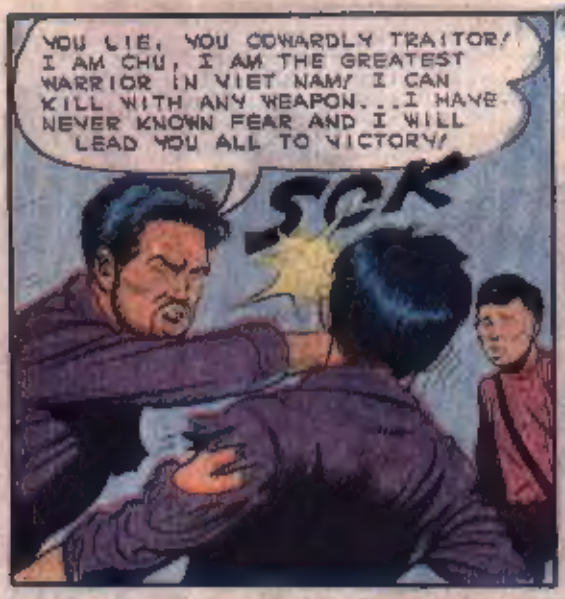
SPECIAL FORCES AND THE U.S. AIR FORCE WILL COOPERATE WITH US, NATURALLY!
SPECIAL FORCES SHOULDN'T HAVE ANY TROUBLE COPING WITH CHU! THEY'RE A MIGHTY GOOD BUNCH!
CHU HAS BEEN BUILT INTO A SYMBOL, A CHAMPION! IT WON'T BE ENOUGH TO DEFEAT HIM IN A MILITARY SENSE! WE'VE GOT TO SHOW THE VIET NAM CIVILIANS THAT HE'S ONLY HUMAN! RIGHT NOW, HE'S GOT THEM SO SCARED, THEY PROTECT V.C. GUERILLAS HIDING IN THE VILLAGES... YOUNG VIET NAMESE ARE COERCED INTO VOLUNTEERING FOR THE VIET CONG GUERILLAS!
IN THE SUPER-SONIC CONVAIR B-58 HUSTLER, THE FIGHTIN' 5 REACHED VIET NAM IN LESS THAN ONE DAY! AND SPECIAL FORCES MAJOR HARRY BECKER WAS ON HAND TO WELCOME THEM...
GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN, HANK!
I GOT A TOP-SECRET MESSAGE IN CODE TELLING ME WHAT YOU'VE GOT TO DO! YOU'LL BE FIGHTING CHU'S PEOPLE ON THEIR OWN TERMS IN THEIR OWN JUNGLE!
CHU PROBABLY HAS INFORMERS HERE! IF YOU CAN HAVE ONE OF THE HELICOPTERS GIVE US A LIFT INTO THE INTERIOR, WE'LL GET RIGHT TO WORK!

ONE OF THE WORKHORSE HELICOPTERS WAS READY TO AIRLIFT THEM INTO THE DENSELY JUNGLED INTERIOR...
OUR INTELLIGENCE INDICATES THAT CHU'S GOT AT LEAST 2,000 MEN IN THE SOUTHERN INTERIOR/ THEY'RE PICKED TERRORISTS WHO...
WE WON'T FIGHT ALL 2,000 OF THEM SO IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW MANY THEY ARE/ WE'RE JUST GOING FOR CHU HIMSELF/
THE FIGHTIN' [illegible] ON THEIR WAY...
THE V.C. WILL SPOT THE CHOPPER WHEN I HIT THE CLEARING YOU INDICATED, HENNESSY/
WE WANT 'EM TO, LIEUTENANT/ YOU SET US DOWN AND GET RIGHT OUT... WE DON'T NEED OR WANT ANY HELP/
5
CHOPPA CHOPPA CHOP
SPREAD OUT... HIT 'EM HARD/
ZING
ZING
ZING
C'MERE, YOU GUYS/
POW
POW
BUDA BUDA BUDD
PEEDOONG
PING

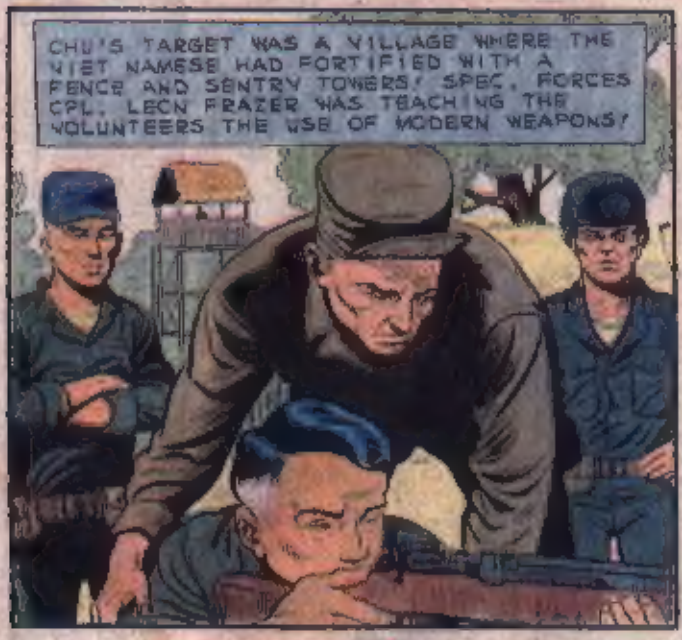
THE BRIEF SKIRMISH WAS OVER IN A MOMENT...BUT IT HAD COST THE GUERILLAS DEARLY...AND INTRODUCED HANK HENNESSY'S SUPER-SQUAD TO THE ENEMY/
NOW...THEY KNOW WE'RE HERE, THEY KNOW OUR STING... WE'LL VANISH/
THESE 5 MEN...INCREDIBLY TRAINED JUNGLE WARRIORS...WHO MELTED FROM THE VIET CONG'S VIEW/
?

THE SURVIVING LEADER OF THE V.C. BAND REPORTED THE DISASTER TO CHU...
YOU PERMITTED THESE COWARDLY, UNWORTHY ENEMIES TO DEFEAT YOU IN A JUNGLE BATTLE/ YOU HAVE LOST GREAT FACE, COMRADE/

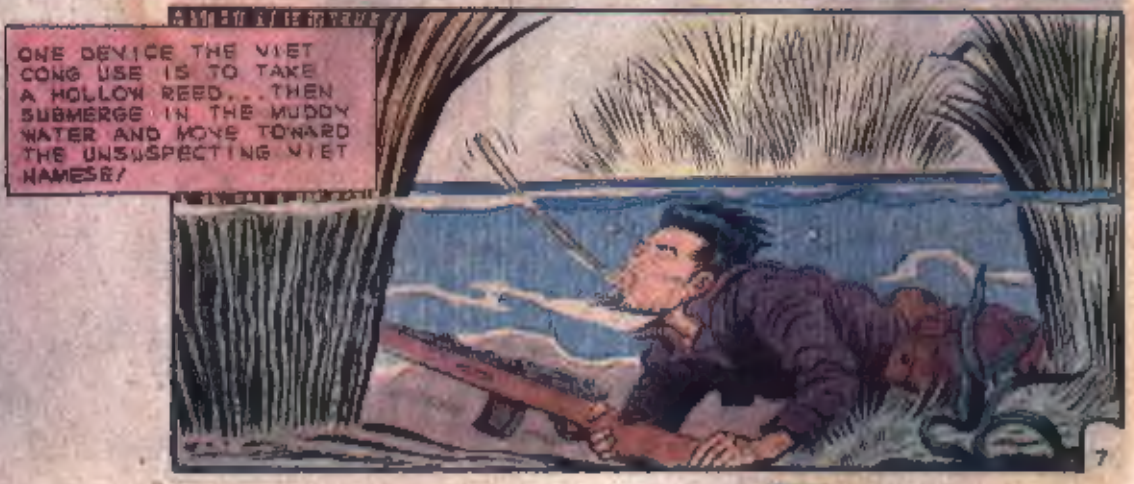

THEY ARE GREAT FIGHTERS, HONORABLE CHU/ PERHAPS AS GREAT AS YOU/


YOU LIE, YOU COWARDLY TRAITOR! I AM CHU, I AM THE GREATEST WARRIOR IN VIET NAM! I CAN KILL WITH ANY WEAPON...I HAVE NEVER KNOWN FEAR AND I WILL LEAD YOU ALL TO VICTORY!
SOK

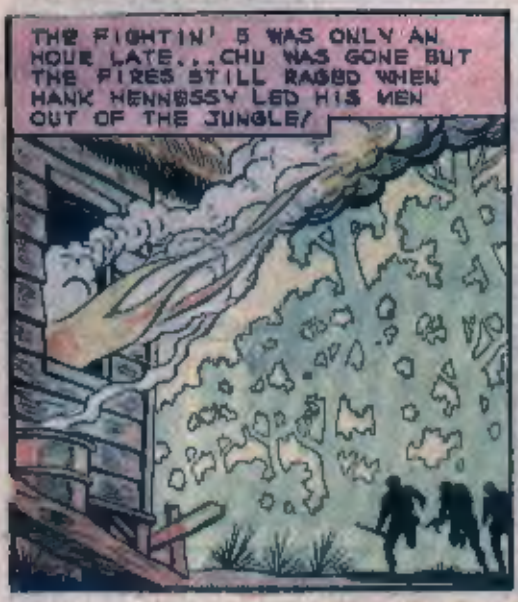
CHU, WITHIN THE HOUR, LED HIS TERRIBLE FOLLOWERS ALONG A JUNGLE PATH THE VIET NAMESE WOULD NEVER FIND!
I WILL SHOW YOU HOW INVINCIBLE IS CHU! I WILL FIND THE ENEMY AND WIPE THEM OUT!


CHU'S TARGET WAS A VILLAGE WHERE THE VIET NAMESE HAD FORTIFIED WITH A FENCE AND SENTRY TOWERS! SPEC. FORCES CPL. LEON FRAZER WAS TEACHING THE VOLUNTEERS THE USE OF MODERN WEAPONS!

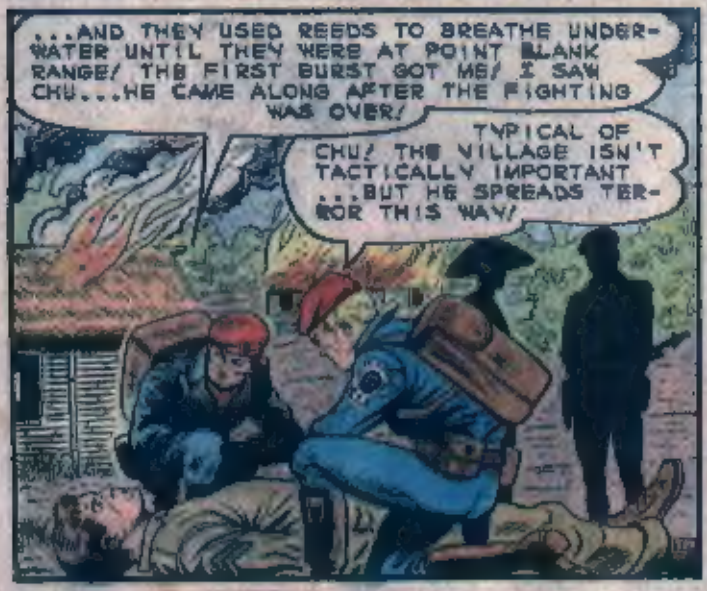
THERE ARE REEDS STICKING UP FROM THE STILL WATERS OF THE RICE PADDY! DO THESE REEDS MOVE? IF THEY DO, WHY DO THEY MOVE?


ONE DEVICE THE VIET CONG USE IS TO TAKE A HOLLOW REED...THEN SUBMERGE IN THE MUDDY WATER AND MOVE TOWARD THE UNSUSPECTING VIET NAMESE!

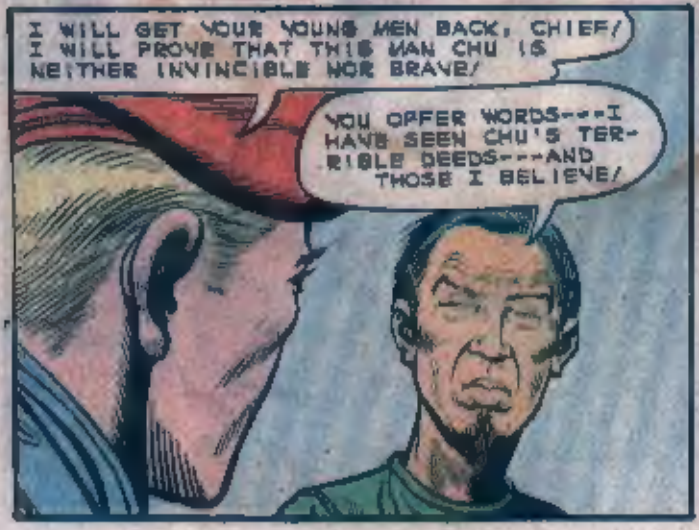
THIS WAS PART OF CHU'S PLAN/ THE PEACEFUL SCENE DISINTEGRATING INTO HORROR...MEN DYING AT THE HANDS OF AN ENEMY WHICH ERUPTED OUT OF THE GROUND ITSELF/
WE ARE YOUR LIBERATORS/ FIGHT US AND YOU DIE...
POW POW
JOIN WITH US IN THE FIGHT FOR FREEDOM/ DRIVE THE IMPERIALISTS FROM YOUR LAND/ GIVE ME YOUR YOUNG MEN TO TEACH AND TRAIN AND I WILL NEVER BRING DEATH TO YOUR VILLAGE AGAIN/
YOU ARE YOUNG AND STRONG/ YOU WILL COME SOUTH WITH US TO BE TAUGHT HOW TO KILL THE SAIGON SOLDIERS/
HONORED SIR, I AM NEEDED HERE TO FARM THE ...
BE STILL/ YOU WILL DO AS I SAY/ ALL OF YOU MUST OBEY CHU...OR DIE/
SPAT
CHU MEANT DEATH AND TERROR/ CHU, TO THE SIMPLE VIET NAMESE FARMERS, MEANT INEVITABLE VICTORY FOR THE VIET CONG/ HE WAS TERRIBLY REAL TO THEM...AND NEITHER THE VIET NAMESE NOR THE AMERICANS COULD MAKE THEM FORGET THE DREADED IMAGE OF CHU/


THE FIGHTIN' 5 WAS ONLY AN HOUR LATE...CHU WAS GONE BUT THE FIRES STILL RAGED WHEN HANK HENNESSY LED HIS MEN OUT OF THE JUNGLE/

I WILL NOT TALK TO YOU AMERICANS/ I WAS FOOLISH TO THINK THAT YOU COULD KEEP CHU FROM DESTROYING US/


...AND THEY USED REEDS TO BREATHE UNDER-WATER UNTIL THEY WERE AT POINT BLANK RANGE/ THE FIRST BURST GOT ME/ I SAW CHU...HE CAME ALONG AFTER THE FIGHTING WAS OVER/
TYPICAL OF CHU/ THE VILLAGE ISN'T TACTICALLY IMPORTANT ...BUT HE SPREADS TER-ROR THIS WAY/

HOW ARE YOU GOING TO HEAD CHU OFF, HANK? THEY'RE EXPERIENCED JUNGLE FIGHTERS...
I'LL USE MY BELT-JETS/ I CAN TRAV-EL ABOVE THE JUNGLE ...IT WON'T TAKE ME LONG TO CATCH THE VIET CONG/


I WILL GET YOUR YOUNG MEN BACK, CHIEF/ I WILL PROVE THAT THIS MAN CHU IS NEITHER INVINCIBLE NOR BRAVE/
YOU OFFER WORDS---I HAVE SEEN CHU'S TER-RIBLE DEEDS---AND THOSE I BELIEVE/

THE JUMPING JETS, IN LIMITED USE BY SPECIAL FORCES, PROVIDED HANK HENNESSY WITH A WAY TO OVERTAKE CHU AND THE GUERILLAS/
COME ON...HANK'LL HEAD 'EM OFF AND SLOW 'EM DOWN...BUT HE CAN'T DO IT ALL BY HIMSELF/
ZOOOMM
WE PASSED A FAST, WIDE RIVER BEFORE...THE V.C. WILL HAVE TO FORD THAT/ IF I'M WAITING ON THE OTHER SIDE WHEN THEY REACH IT...
ONLY ONE MEMBER OF CHU'S PARTY EVEN GLIMPSED HANK HENNESSY... AND THE VIETNAMESE PRISONER THOUGHT HE WAS SEEING THINGS/
FOLLOW ME--THOSE WHO CANNOT KEEP UP WILL BE LEFT TO DIE/
JUST AS CHU REACHED MIDSTREAM, HANK HENNESSY LEAPED OUT TO CONFRONT THEM...
VIETNAMESE PRISONERS...RUN AWAY/ CHU, PUT UP YOUR HANDS/
HE IS AN AMERICAN/ KILL HIM/
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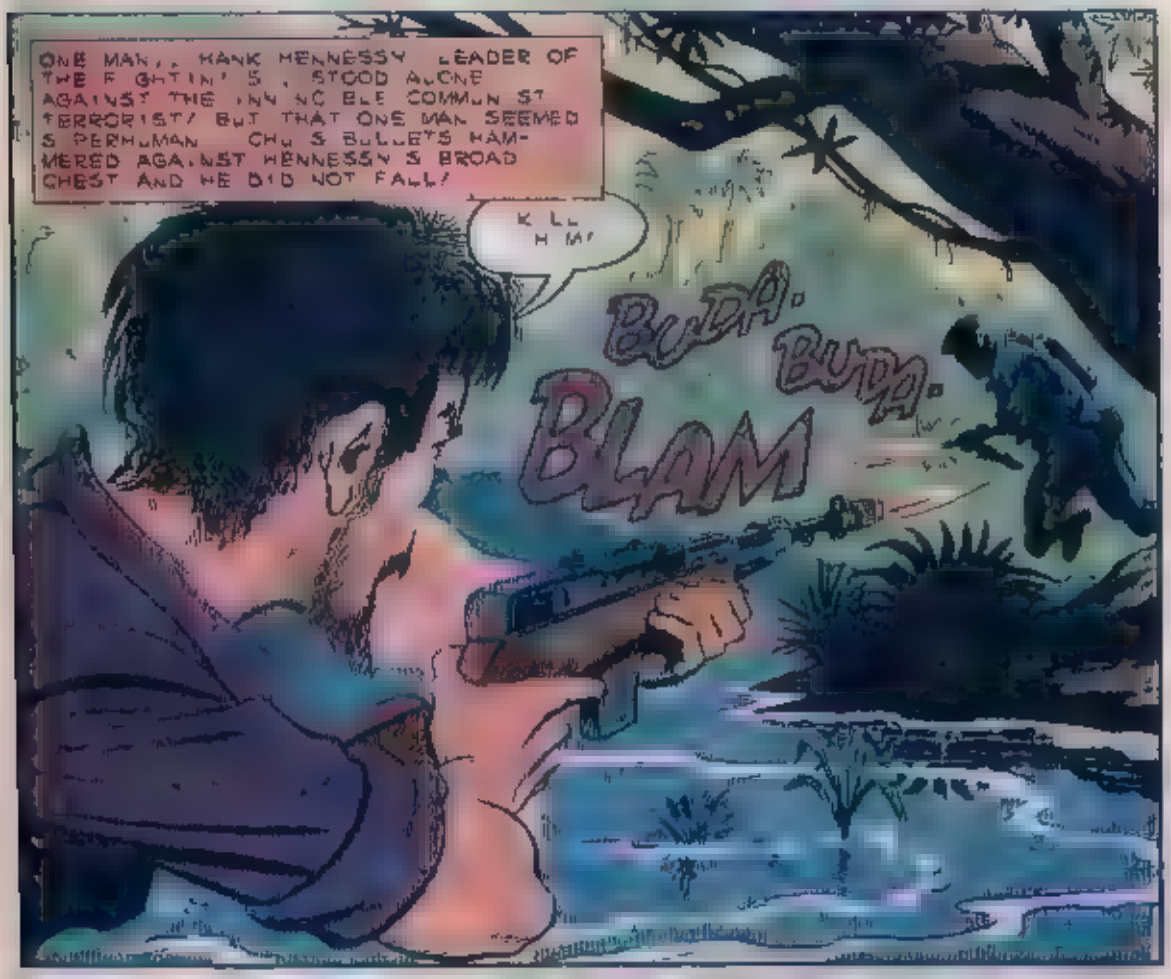
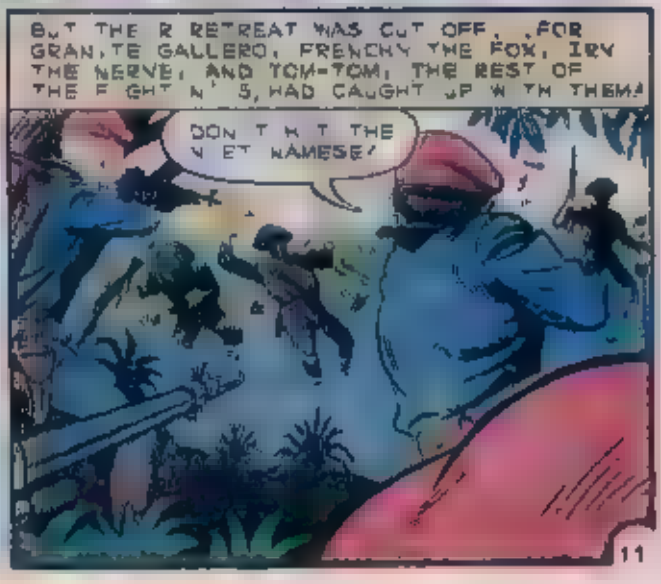
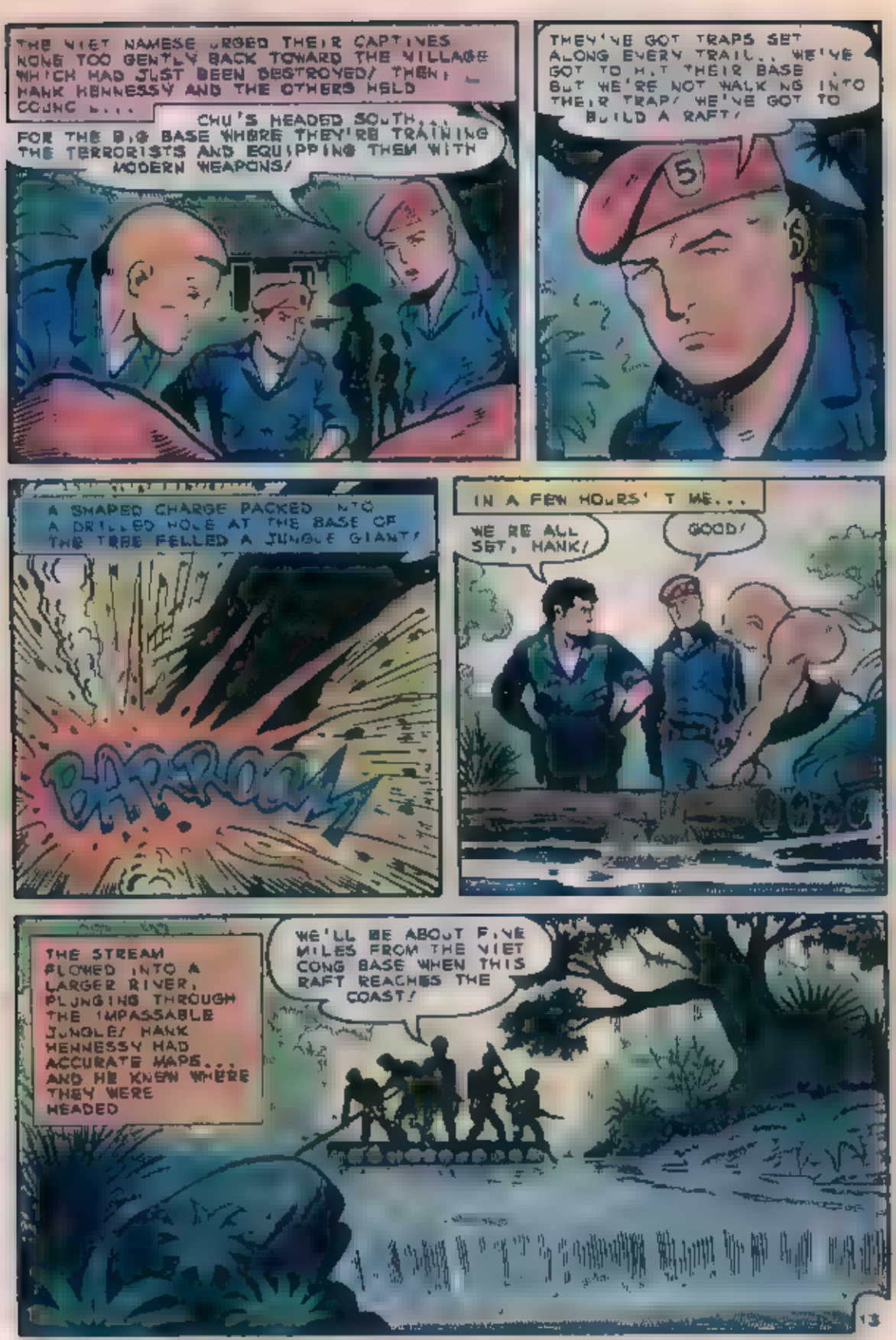

ONE MAN, HANK HENNESSY, LEADER OF THE FIGHTIN' 5, STOOD ALONE AGAINST THE INVINCIBLE COMMUNIST TERRORIST/ BUT THAT ONE MAN SEEMED SUPERHUMAN. CHU'S BULLETS HAMMERED AGAINST HENNESSY'S BROAD CHEST AND HE DID NOT FALL!
KILL HIM!
BUDA-BUDA-BLAM

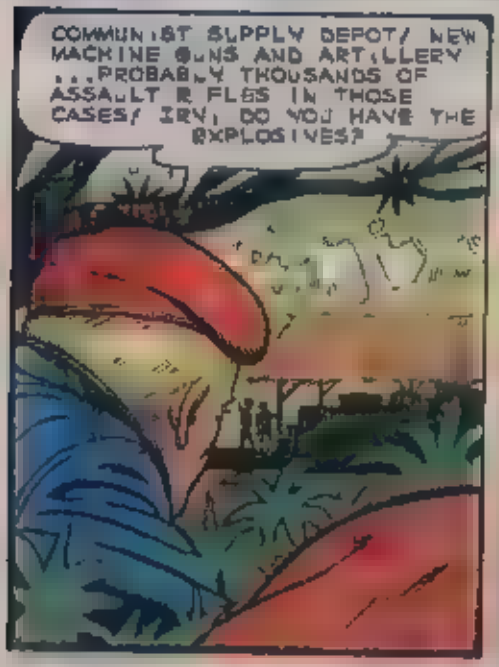

BUT THE RETREAT WAS CUT OFF...FOR GRANITE GALLERO, FRENCHY THE FOX, IRV THE NERVE, AND TOM-TOM, THE REST OF THE FIGHTIN' 5, HAD CAUGHT UP WITH THEM!
DON'T HIT THE VIETNAMESE!

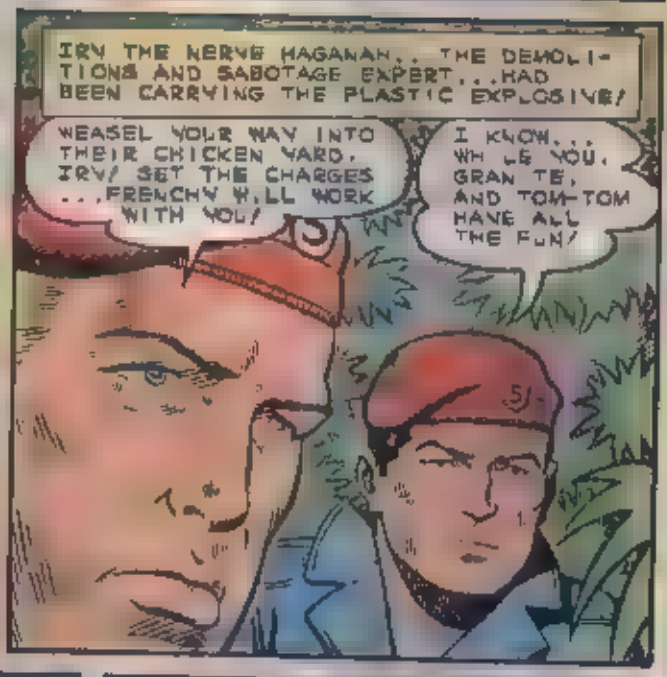
CHU PANICKED...HE TURNED, SEEKING A WAY OUT...BUT THE FIGHTIN' 5 HAD HIM BOXED IN!
THE GREAT CHU IS AFRAID!
AGGHH
CHU'S TRYING TO GET AWAY!
SPLASH
HE'S GOT TO BREATHE AND WHEN HE DOES...
HE'S DOWNSTREAM BY NOW, GRANITE! WE'LL GET HIM... BUT RIGHT NOW, WE'VE GOT TO GET THE VIET CONG PRISONERS BACK TO THE VILLAGE!
THE VIET NAMESE YOUNGSTERS TAKEN FROM THE VILLAGE WERE FREED AND GIVEN THE GUNS TAKEN FROM THEIR CAPTORS...
DO NOT HARM THE VIET CONG! YOUR ELDERS WILL TRY THEM AND DETERMINE THEIR FATE! TELL YOUR VILLAGERS WHAT YOU SAW TODAY...HOW THE GREAT CHU CRIED OUT IN FEAR AND FLED LIKE A CHILD FRIGHTENED OF THE DARKNESS!
WE WILL DO JUST AS YOU SAY, GREAT WARRIOR! WE WILL TELL EVERYONE THAT CHU IS A COWARD AND THE AMERICANS WILL LIBERATE VIET NAM!


THE VIET NAMESE URGED THEIR CAPTIVES NONE TOO GENTLY BACK TOWARD THE VILLAGE WHICH HAD JUST BEEN DESTROYED/ THEN, — HANK HENNESSY AND THE OTHERS HELD COUNC L...
CHU'S HEADED SOUTH... FOR THE BIG BASE WHERE THEY'RE TRAINING THE TERRORISTS AND EQUIPPING THEM WITH MODERN WEAPONS/
THEY'VE GOT TRAPS SET ALONG EVERY TRAIL.. WE'VE GOT TO HIT THEIR BASE . BUT WE'RE NOT WALK NG INTO THEIR TRAP/ WE'VE GOT TO BUILD A RAFT/
A SHAPED CHARGE PACKED INTO A DRILLED HOLE AT THE BASE OF THE TREE FELLED A JUNGLE GIANT/
KA-ROOM!
IN A FEW HOURS' T ME...
WE RE ALL SET, HANK/
GOOD/
THE STREAM FLOWED INTO A LARGER RIVER, PLUNGING THROUGH THE IMPASSABLE JUNGLE/ HANK HENNESSY HAD ACCURATE MAPS... AND HE KNEW WHERE THEY WERE HEADED
WE'LL BE ABOUT FIVE MILES FROM THE VIET CONG BASE WHEN THIS RAFT REACHES THE COAST/

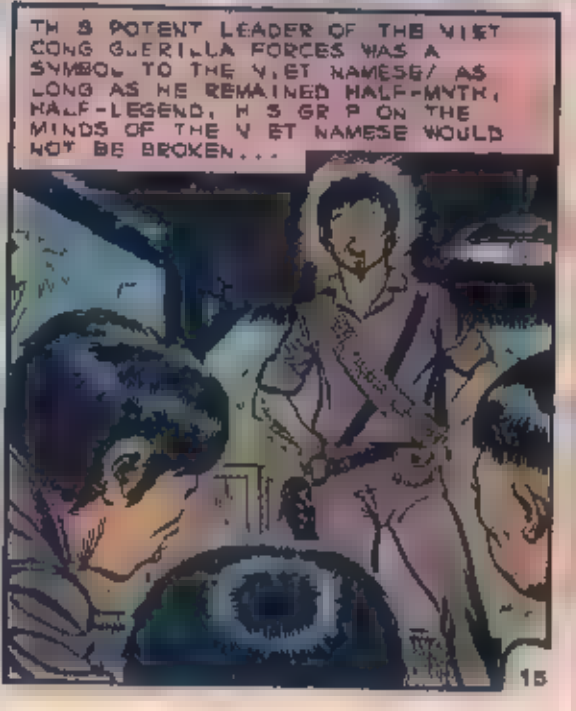
CHU'S NAME WILL MAKE THE VIET NAMESE LAUGH OUT LOUD BY THE TIME WE GET FINISHED WITH HIM!
DON'T UNDERESTIMATE THAT COMMIE, FRENCHY! HE'S SMART...AND ACCORDING TO SPECIAL FORCES DATA, HE'S A REAL MEAN MAN IN ANY KIND OF COMBAT!
THE VIET NAMESE BELIEVE CHU CAN BREAK A MAN'S BACK WITH HIS BARE HANDS! HE'S A KARATE EXPERT...AND THEY SAY HE CAN KILL A MAN QUICKER WITH EITHER HAND THAN ANYONE ELSE CAN WITH A GUN!
I'VE GOT A PLAN...AFTER WE LOCATE THAT SECRET CAMP, WE'LL NEUTRALIZE THE SENTRIES, DESTROY THE STORED ARMS AND AMMUNITION. THEN WE'LL DO SOMETHING ABOUT CHU'S EXALTED REPUTATION!
THE FIGHTIN' 5 WAS ON A TRAIL LEADING TO THE VIET CONG BASE! BUT ACROSS THAT TRAIL, THE V.C. HAD A MACHINE GUN CLEVERLY HIDDEN
BUT THE FIGHTIN' 5 HAD SPOTTED THE ENEMY...AND WHILE FOUR OF THEM STAYED PUT TOM-TOM CATFOOTED AROUND BEHIND THEM... AND PUT HIS BIG FISTS TO GOOD, SILENT USE!

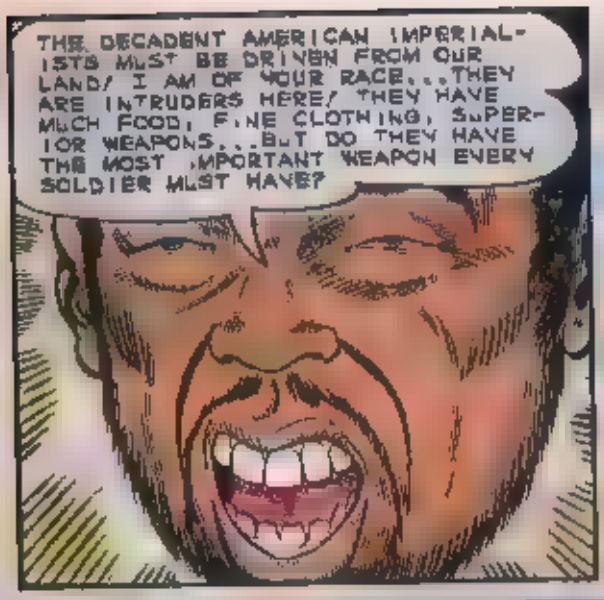
THEY WERE NEAR NOW/ THEY COULD HEAR VOICES AHEAD...

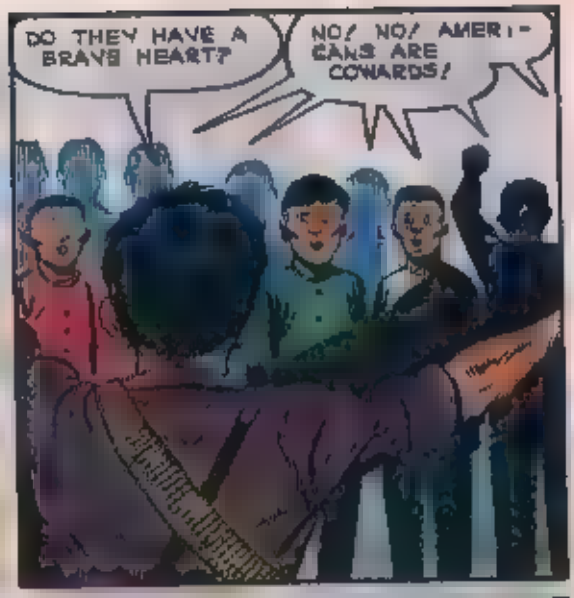

COMMUNIST SUPPLY DEPOT/ NEW MACHINE GUNS AND ARTILLERY ...PROBABLY THOUSANDS OF ASSAULT RIFLES IN THOSE CASES/ IRV, DO YOU HAVE THE EXPLOSIVES?

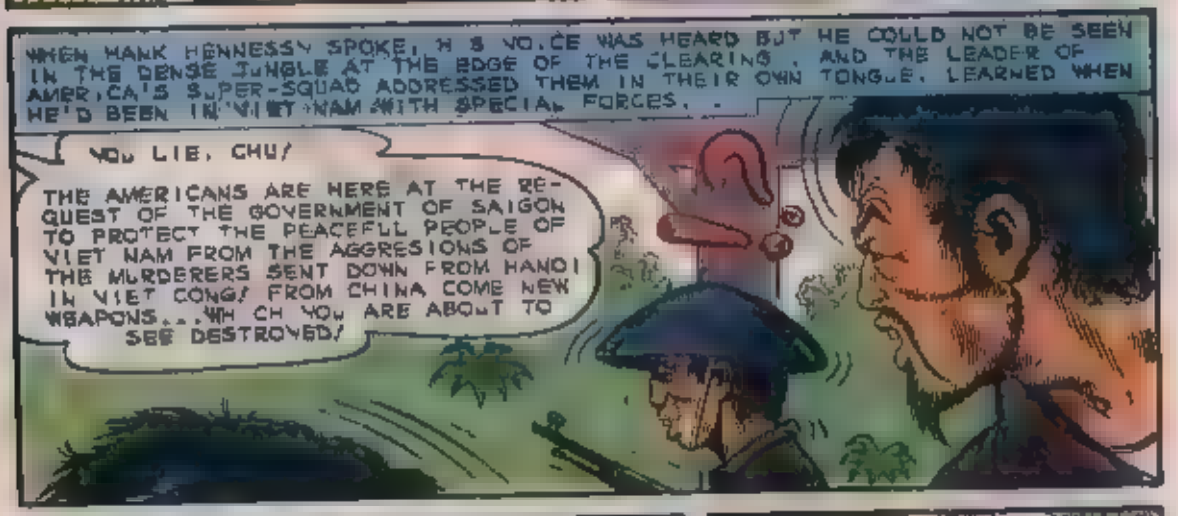

IRV THE NERVE HAGANAH... THE DEMOLITIONS AND SABOTAGE EXPERT...HAD BEEN CARRYING THE PLASTIC EXPLOSIVE/
WEASEL YOUR WAY INTO THEIR CHICKEN YARD, IRV/ SET THE CHARGES ...FRENCHY WILL WORK WITH YOU/
I KNOW... WHERE YOU, GRANTE, AND TOM-TOM HAVE ALL THE FUN/

WHAT ABOUT CHU, HANK?
HE'S GOT THOUSANDS OF YOUNG TRAINEES HERE/ THEY ARE FROM ALL OVER VIET-NAM/ WHAT THEY SEE HERE WILL BE TOLD IN THE VILLAGES WHEN THEY GO BACK/


THIS POTENT LEADER OF THE VIET CONG GUERILLA FORCES WAS A SYMBOL TO THE VIETNAMESE/ AS LONG AS HE REMAINED HALF-MYTH, HALF-LEGEND, HIS GRIP ON THE MINDS OF THE VIETNAMESE WOULD NOT BE BROKEN...


THE DECADENT AMERICAN IMPERIALISTS MUST BE DRIVEN FROM OUR LAND! I AM OF YOUR RACE...THEY ARE INTRUDERS HERE! THEY HAVE MUCH FOOD, FINE CLOTHING, SUPERIOR WEAPONS...BUT DO THEY HAVE THE MOST IMPORTANT WEAPON EVERY SOLDIER MUST HAVE?


DO THEY HAVE A BRAVE HEART?
NO! NO! AMERICANS ARE COWARDS!


WHEN HANK HENNESSY SPOKE, HIS VOICE WAS HEARD BUT HE COULD NOT BE SEEN IN THE DENSE JUNGLE AT THE EDGE OF THE CLEARING, AND THE LEADER OF AMERICA'S SUPER-SQUAD ADDRESSED THEM IN THEIR OWN TONGUE, LEARNED WHEN HE'D BEEN IN VIET-NAM WITH SPECIAL FORCES...
YOU LIE, CHU!
THE AMERICANS ARE HERE AT THE REQUEST OF THE GOVERNMENT OF SAIGON TO PROTECT THE PEACEFUL PEOPLE OF VIET NAM FROM THE AGGRESIONS OF THE MURDERERS SENT DOWN FROM HANOI IN VIET CONG! FROM CHINA COME NEW WEAPONS...WHICH YOU ARE ABOUT TO SEE DESTROYED!

IRV THE NERVE AND FRENCHY THE FOX HAD PLACED THE DEMOLITION CHARGES...
THEY'VE GOT A COUPLE TONS OF HOME-MADE EXPLOSIVES IN SACKS, IRV! WHEN OUR CHARGES GO OFF, IT'LL SET THAT OFF, TOO!

HERE WE GO, FRENCHY!

WE HAVE SURROUNDED YOUR CAMP, CHU! WHEN I SIGNAL...MACHINE GUNS AND CANNON WILL BEGIN TO KILL ALL OF YOU!
FIND THAT MAN! YOU STUPID PEASANTS, DON'T JUST SIT THERE AND...
YOOM
WITH A SHATTERING ROAR, THE ENTIRE ARMS SUPPLY OF CHU'S SECRET ARMY BLEW UP IN HIS FACE! AND THE VIET NAMESE RECRUITS SAW THE MYTH OF CHU'S INVINCIBILITY EXPLODED WITH IT!
THE AMERICAN BARBARIANS DID THIS!
AS THE VIET CONG CHAMPION STARTED TO FLEE, TWO WELL-AIMED BULLETS RIPPED PAST HIS EARS...
STAND RIGHT THERE, CHU!
DON'T KILL ME!
DO NOT SHOOT AT ME OR I WILL KILL CHU, YOUR EXHALTED LEADER! I BRING YOU A MESSAGE!
DO NOT HARM HIM...OR THEY WILL KILL ME! LISTEN TO WHAT HE SAYS!

AND WHILE HANK HENNESSY CONDUCTED HIS 'NEGOTIATIONS' IRV THE NERVE, SCHOOLED IN THE BITTER ISRAELI WAR, AND FRENCHY THE FOX A FRENCH UNDERGROUND SABOTEUR FROM EARLY CHILDHOOD, DESTROYED ALL THAT WAS VALUABLE TO CHU'S VIET CONG!
THEY WON'T RADIO PEKING AND HANOI FOR ANY MORE GUNS WITH THIS RADIO!
I COULD BREAK YOU IN HALF, YOU IMPERIALIST WEAKLING! OR OUTSHOOT YOU, DEFEAT YOU WITH ANY WEAPON...
WELL, NOW...LET'S TALK ABOUT THAT! FIRST, I'D BETTER EXPLAIN TO YOUR PEOPLE THAT MY MEN HAVE SURROUNDED THIS CAMP! DUE TO YOUR STUPIDITY YOU ARE ALL IN MY POWER TO KILL OR LET LIVE AS I SEE FIT!
CHU IS NOT TRULY ONE OF YOU! HE'S THE AGRESSOR IN VIET NAM! HE IS PAID BY THE PEKING PIRATES WHO ARE FOMENTING THIS WAR! NOW, CHU HAS BOASTED OF WHAT HE WOULD DO TO ME WITH HIS BARE HANDS! LET HIM TRY!
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CHU, A DEADLY MASTER OF KARATE, HID A SMILE WHEN HE SAW HANK HENNESSY ADOPT A FIGHTER'S STANCE! HE WAITED FOR HANK TO THROW A PUNCH...
AND HIS IRON FIST CLOSED ON HANK'S WRIST INSTANTLY!
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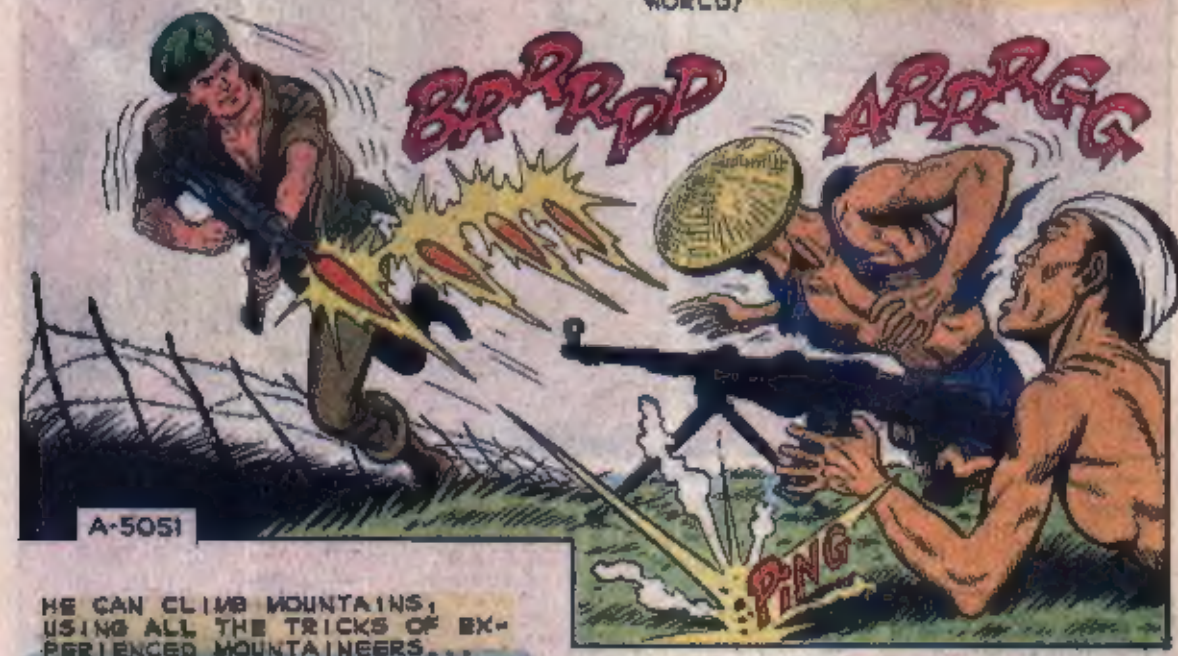
CHU HAD REACTED EXACTLY AS HANK HAD EXPECTED. . AND INSTANTLY HE SMASHED HIS OTHER FIST TO CHU'S SOLAR PLEXUS!
OOF!!
AHHH! CHU IS THE WEAKLING! AMERICAN IMPERIALIST HAVE SOFT HEART AS CHU SAY . .BUT HARD FIST!
SOK
PICK HIM UP, TOM-TOM! LAY IT ON A LITTLE THICK!
I'LL GIVE HIM THE BRIDGEPORT LIFT BOSS!
THIS IS YOUR GREAT CHAMPION!
IN THE ORIENT WHERE TO LOSE FACE IS ALMOST AS FINAL AS SUDDEN CHU WAS LOSING FACE FAST! WHEN HE LANDED IN THE PUDDLE HE WAS FINISHED!
SPLASH
WE ARE GOING NORTH TO SAIGON FRIENDS! IF YOU WISH TO ACCOMPANY US, WE WILL PROTECT YOU FROM THE MURDEROUS VIET CONG PATROLS!
WE WILL COME WITH YOU! WE DID NOT WANT VIET CONG ANYHOW. . . THEY ARE BAD PEOPLE

TRAVELING THROUGH VILLAGES WHERE CHU HAD RALLIED TO RECRUIT YOUNG VOLUNTEERS, HANK HENNESSY LET THE NATIVES SEE THE MAN WHO HAD CALLED HIMSELF THEIR CHAMPION!
HE IS A MURDERER! TRY HIM IN OUR VILLAGE AND...
HE'LL BE TRIED IN SAIGON, HONORED OLD ONE!
FRENCHY THE FOX HAD BEEN USING THE LIBERATED WALK-TALKIE TO MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH THE AMERICAN FIGHTER PLANES HE HAD REQUESTED AT THE VIET CONG BASE! NOW, AS THE FIGHTIN' 5 CAME OUT OF THE VIETNAMESE JUNGLE WITH THEIR ONE PRISONER AND ENTHUSIASTIC FOLLOWERS, A SPECIAL FORCES COLONEL GREETED THEM!
CAPTAIN HENNESSY, IS THIS REALLY THE FAMOUS CHU?
NONE OTHER, COLONEL! HE'S NOT AS TOUGH AS HE MAKES OUT, SIR!
GET IN THE JEEPS! WE'RE DRIVING THROUGH THE MAIN STREETS OF SAIGON WITH THIS FELLOW SO WE WANT EVERYONE TO SEE THIS!
SO ONCE AGAIN THE FIGHTIN' 5 TRIUMPH OVER THE ENEMIES OF FREEDOM! IN VIETNAM,...THE AFRICAN DESERT...ANYWHERE THAT MURDER AND FEAR HOLD SWAY, YOU'LL FIND AMERICA'S SUPER-SQUAD READY TO BATTLE THESE DARK AND EVIL FORCES!
TOM-TOM
FRENCHY
HANK
GRANITE
IRV
END

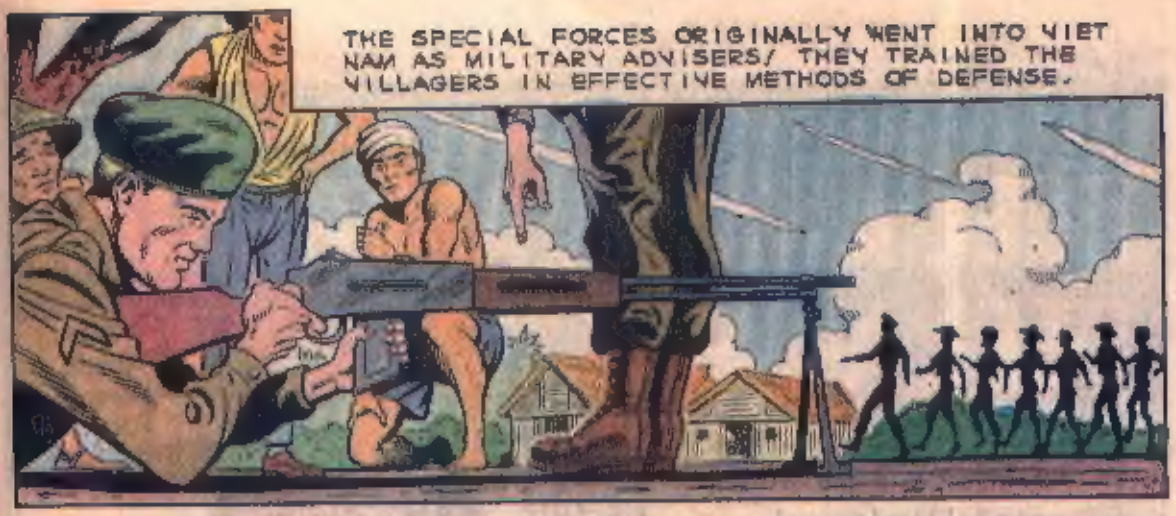
THE GREEN BADGE OF COURAGE

THIS IS A MEMBER OF THE SPECIAL FORCES...HE CAN LICK HIS WEIGHT IN WILDCATS, FIGHT ON ANY TERRAIN IN ANY CLIMATE ...BUT HE CAN ALSO SHOW NATIVES PRACTICAL METHODS OF FARMING, DIGGING SEWERS, RENDER ADVANCED MEDICAL AID, SPEAK ARABIC OR HINDUSTANI, OR WHATEVER LANGUAGE IS SPOKEN IN THE PLACE WHERE HE'S SENT TO FIGHT/ HE'S A PICKED MAN, INTENSELY TRAINED, A SPECIALIST IN AT LEAST THREE MILITARY SPECIALITIES...AND HE'S THE HOPE OF THE FREE WORLD/

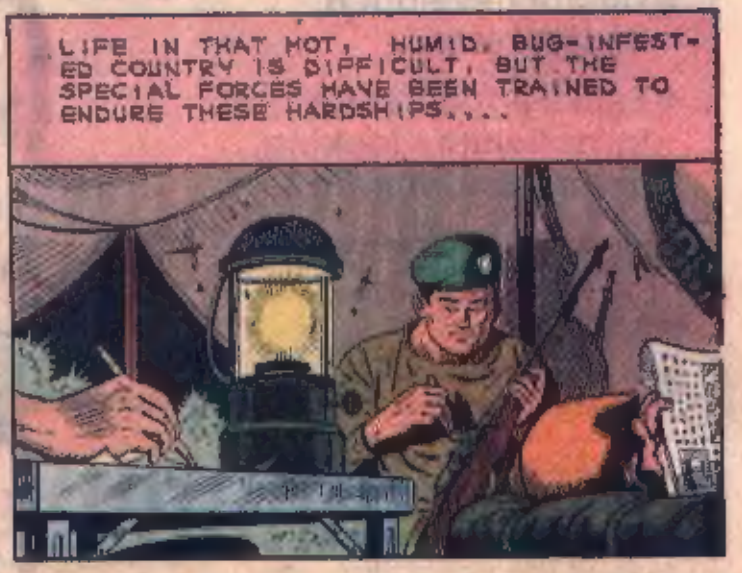


HE CAN CLIMB MOUNTAINS, USING ALL THE TRICKS OF EXPERIENCED MOUNTAINEERS...

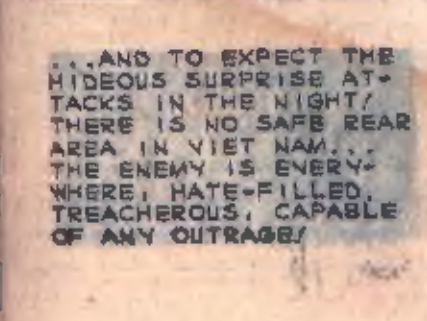
AND, IN THEIR OWN LANGUAGE HE ADVISES THE VIET NAMESE OF THE NATURE OF THEIR ENEMY, THE COUNTER MEASURE HE WISHES THEM TO TAKE, AND THE IMPORTANCE OF VICTORY OVER THE COMMUNISTS WHO WANT TO ENSLAVE THEM/


THE SPECIAL FORCES ORIGINALLY WENT INTO VIET NAM AS MILITARY ADVISERS/ THEY TRAINED THE VILLAGERS IN EFFECTIVE METHODS OF DEFENSE.

STRONGPOINTS OUTSIDE THE LITTLE VILLAGES HAD TO BE BUILT UP AND PROTECTED WITH SANDBAGS, REMINISCENT OF OUR CAVALRY FORTS/


LIFE IN THAT HOT, HUMID, BUG-INFESTED COUNTRY IS DIFFICULT, BUT THE SPECIAL FORCES HAVE BEEN TRAINED TO ENDURE THESE HARDSHIPS....

WHAM


...AND TO EXPECT THE HIDEOUS SURPRISE ATTACKS IN THE NIGHT/ THERE IS NO SAFE REAR AREA IN VIET NAM... THE ENEMY IS EVERYWHERE, HATE-FILLED, TREACHEROUS, CAPABLE OF ANY OUTRAGE/

THERE ARE NO WIDE ROADS... ONLY NARROW PATHS THROUGH A HOSTILE GREEN HELL...

THE SPECIAL FORCES MILITARY ADVISER HEARD SOMETHING... A CLICK...AS AN AUTOMATIC WEAPON COCKED!!!

CLICK

DROP!

AND THE VIET NAM BURROW LOW, FIRING ACCURATELY, DESTROYING THIS ENEMY WHO HAVE INVADED HIS COUNTRY! THE SPECIAL FORCES MILITARY ADVISER DEMONSTRATES THE SUPERIORITY OF HIS CONCEPT HE REPRESENTS!

WHAM

BRRRP

HE'S HIS OWN MEDIC...MUCH BETTER TRAINED THAN THE BATTLEFIELD MAN OF WORLD WAR II WHO DID SO MUCH FOR SO MANY MEN...BUT THIS SPECIAL FORCES EXPERT CAN PROBE FOR SLUGS, SHELL FRAGMENTS, AND EVEN PERFORM SURGERY!

THIS IS THE SOLDIER OF THE FUTURE... BUT HE IS WITH US NOW, PROVING HIS WORTH ON THE BITTEREST BATTLEFIELD OUR COUNTRY HAS KNOWN IN ITS HISTORY! HE IS A SPECIAL FORCES SOLDIER...PERHAPS THE FINEST WARRIOR THE WORLD HAS EVER KNOWN!

End

"AMERICAN INGENUITY"

My name is Juan Fernadez and I am a special war correspondent for a group of Latin-American newspapers. If there is fighting going on anyplace in this world, that's where you will find me sooner or later. Which explains why just now I am in South Vietnam. What I am going to tell you this time concerns something that is very hard to explain to my fellow countrymen. But something I am sure you all know about as part of your American Heritage. It is known as "Yankee Ingenuity." It is very simple to say that the Americans are the leading inventors in the world. But I want to go a step further. Seems to me that the Americans have a knack of being able to figure out in a hurry how to either make something or do something.

Take the situation out here where you have to fight the Vietcong. They are guerrilla trained men. With hit-and-run tactics of a smaller group against a larger group. They will lie hidden in the wet rice fields. Or concealed in a jungle area. They think that this kind of fighting is unknown to the Americans. And it will defeat them. But they do not know American History. That once the American soldiers had to fight on their own soil the toughest guerrilla fighters in the world-The American Indians.

Now let me illustrate with examples how our American soldiers can out-wit the enemy. A small army patrol of two dozen soldiers went through a field. A rumor had been received that some Vietcong were in the area. Sure, they had been there. And they had planted some booby traps. Small spikes made out of metal in most cases.

The result was that one third of the soldiers in that patrol suffered injuries to their feet. Sergeant James Hogan was in command of that group and he spoke to his superior officer:

"We need shoes with metal inserts. Otherwise we are going to suffer increasing casualties."

The reply was this: "There are such shoes in the United States, I don't know how many pairs we can get nor how long it would take them to be sent here. But I shall rush through an emergency order."

Twenty four hours later the next group of soldiers going out on a similar patrol had protective shoes. From the United States? No. The fertile brain of Sergeant James Hogan, what is called American Ingenuity-solved the problem in a hurry. The bottom sole of each shoe was ripped off. Metal plates were cut and fastened to the shoe and then the sole was nailed back. They were tested by having them pounded against spikes. And it worked!

Now let me give you another example. A patrol made contact with some Vietcong fighters in a jungle area. And it turned out to be a close quarter fight. The Americans had bayonets attached to their rifles. But for in-fighting in a jungle crowded area, this wasn't too effective Both sides suffered casualties. And Private Samuel Hawkins had an idea. He explained it to Captain Richard Livermore:

"My great great grandfather was a trapper in the Old West. And also an Indian fighter. His most effective fighting weapon for close quarters was neither a pistol, rifle, or knife."

"I bet you are going to tell me that you want the U.S. Army to be issued hatchets," grinned the Captain. "It isn't a fighting weapon according to regulations."

"That I know," pointed out a determined soldier. "But we do need them to clear away jungle growth. So according to regulations we can purchase them here and carry them with us. And if we should be surrounded and have to fight for our lives at close quarters, we certainly can use anything handy."

Give Captain Richard Livermore credit. He knew when he was beaten. Technically he said neither yes nor no. By the next group of soldiers that went out on patrol were all armed with those ancient frontier weapons. Sharpened to a very fine edge. And two days later, they did make contact with a group of Vietcong. And this time the enemy fled in terror. Leaving behind the dead and the wounded. In fact it was even possible to take some prisoners who apparently had not been prepared by their Red Masters for this kind of in-fighting.

In future articles, I will tell you from time to time about some more examples of Yankee Ingenuity. Some things these Americans have amaze me. I watched one bewilder some Vietcong with a form of his "magic:" A match that you could light, extinguish, and light again!